

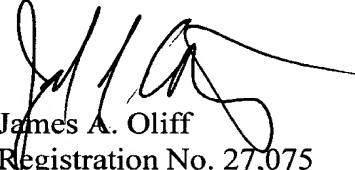
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--7. An optical isolator comprising the magneto-optical body according to
Claim 3.--

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 7 are pending. By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 3 and 4 are amended to remove multiple dependencies. Claims 5-7 are added to compensate for the material deleted from claims 3 and 4. Prompt and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

The attached Appendix includes marked-up copies of each rewritten claim (37 C.F.R. 1.121(c)(1)(ii)).

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Appendix

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APPENDIX

Changes to Claims:

The following are marked-up versions of the amended claims:

3. (Amended) The magneto-optical body according to Claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the one dielectric thin film is Si, and the other dielectric thin film is SiO₂.

4. (Amended) An optical isolator comprising the magneto-optical body according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 3~~ Claim 1.

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